LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7637 DATE PREPARED: Jan 14, 2001

BILL NUMBER: SB 415 BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Constable Fees.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL IMPACT: Local

DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> This bill establishes a fee of \$13 for service of process in the Marion County Small Claims Court. It also repeals the current \$12 fee to issue a warrant for a protective order.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: Under current law, litigants filing a case in Marion County Small Claims Court are charged a filing fee and either a \$6 fee to have a summons mailed to a respondent or an \$8 fee for the constable staff to deliver to the respondent.

This bill would make both fees \$13. Any new revenues that this increase will generate are collected by the constable of the Marion County Small Claims Courts. These revenues are not deposited in any publicly reported funds.

The Marion County Small Claims Court has not issued protective orders in over 10 years. Consequently, repealing this fee for protective orders would cause no revenue loss to the Courts.

Marion County Small Claims Courts are located in each of Marion County's nine townships.

State Agencies Affected:

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Local Agencies Affected: Marion County Small Claims Courts.

<u>Information Sources:</u> Jim Catt, Wayne Township Constable, Wayne Township.

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